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10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
11 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

12 GOLD VALUE INTERNATIONAL
13 TEXTILE, INC., a California
14 Corporation, individually and doing
business as "FIESTA FABRIC,"

15 Plaintiff,

16 vs.
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18 ROYAL CONCEPT, a California
19 business entity of unknown form,
individually, and d/b/a "SOLITAIRE";
20 THE TJX COMPANIES, INC., a
21 Massachusetts Corporation, individually,
and d/b/a "MARSHALLS"; and DOES 1
22 through 10,

23 Defendants.
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Case No.:

PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT FOR:

1. COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT;
2. VICARIOUS AND/OR
CONTRIBUTORY COPYRIGHT
INFRINGEMENT

Jury Trial Demanded

1 Plaintiff, GOLD VALUE INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE, INC., a California
2 Corporation, individually, and doing business as “FIESTA FABRIC” (collectively
3 “FIESTA”) by and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby prays to this honorable
4 Court for relief based on the following:

5 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

6 1. This action arises under the Copyright Act of 1976, Title 17 U.S.C., § 101
7 *et seq.*

8 2. This Court has federal question jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and
9 1338 (a) and (b).

10 3. Venue in this judicial district is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(c) and
11 1400(a) in that this is the judicial district in which a substantial part of the acts and
12 omissions giving rise to the claims occurred.

13 **PARTIES**

14 4. Plaintiff FIESTA is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of
15 the State of California.

16 5. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant
17 ROYAL CONCEPT, individually and doing business as “SOLITAIRE” (collectively
18 “SOLITAIRE”) is a business entity of unknown form organized and existing under
19 the laws of the state of California with its principal place of business located at 1213
20 3745 Delmas Terrace #6, Los Angeles, CA 90034 and is doing business in and with
21 the state of California.

22 6. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant THE
23 TJX COMPANIES, INC., individually and doing business as “MARSHALLS”
24 (collectively “MARSHALLS”) is a corporation organized and existing under the
25 laws of the state of Massachusetts with its principal place of business located at 770
26 Cochituate Road, Framingham, MA 01701 and is doing business in and with the
27 state of California.

1 7. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant DOES
2 1-4, inclusive, are manufacturers, and/or vendors (and/or agent or employee of
3 manufacturers or vendors) of garments to Defendant, which DOE Defendants have
4 manufactured and/or supplied and are manufacturing and/or supplying fabrics and
5 other product printed with Plaintiff's copyrighted design (as hereinafter defined)
6 without Plaintiff's knowledge or consent or have contributed to said infringement.
7 The true names, whether corporate, individual or otherwise of Defendants DOES 1-
8 4, inclusive, are presently unknown to Plaintiff, which therefore sues said
9 Defendants by such fictitious names and will seek leave to amend this complaint to
10 show their true names and capacities when same have been ascertained.

11 8. Defendants DOES 5 through 10, inclusive, are other parties not yet
12 identified who have infringed Plaintiff's copyrights, have contributed to the
13 infringement of Plaintiff's copyrights, or have engaged in one or more of the
14 wrongful practices alleged herein, including but not limited to retail stores and others
15 who have sold the garments at issue in this case. The true names, whether corporate,
16 individual or otherwise, of Defendants 5 through 10, inclusive, are presently
17 unknown to Plaintiff, which therefore sues said Defendants by such fictitious names,
18 and will seek leave to amend this Complaint to show their true names and capacities
19 when same have been ascertained.

20 9. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that at all times
21 relevant hereto each of the Defendants was the agent, affiliate, officer, director,
22 manager, principal, alter-ego, and/or employee of the remaining Defendants and was
23 at all times acting within the scope of such agency, affiliation, alter-ego relationship
24 and/or employment; and actively participated in or subsequently ratified and
25 adopted, or both, each and all of the acts or conduct alleged, with full knowledge of
26 all the facts and circumstances, including, but not limited to, full knowledge of each
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1 and every violation of Plaintiff's rights and the damages to Plaintiff proximately
2 caused thereby.

3 **CLAIMS RELATED TO DESIGN 1946-43**

4 10. Prior to the conduct complained of herein, Plaintiff composed an original
5 two-dimensional artwork for purposes of textile printing. Plaintiff allocated the
6 design the name 1946-43 (hereinafter "Subject Design").

7 11. The Subject Design is an original creation of Plaintiff and Plaintiff's design
8 team, and is, and at all relevant times, was owned exclusively by Plaintiff.

9 12. Plaintiff registered the Subject Design with the United States Copyright
10 Office.

11 13. Prior to the acts complained of herein, Plaintiff sampled and sold fabric
12 bearing the Subject Design to numerous parties in the fashion and apparel industries.

13 14. Following this distribution of product bearing the Subject Design,
14 Plaintiff's investigation revealed that certain entities within the fashion and apparel
15 industries had misappropriated the Subject Design, and were selling fabric and
16 garments bearing illegal reproductions and derivations of the Subject Design.

17 15. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that, without
18 Plaintiff's authorization, SOLITAIRE and certain DOE Defendants created, sold,
19 manufactured, caused to be manufactured, and distributed garments comprised of
20 fabric featuring designs which are identical to or substantially similar to the Subject
21 Design (hereinafter "Infringing Garment") to retail stores including but not limited to
22 MARSHALLS who then sold said garments to the public. These garments include
23 but are not limited to the garment shown below with Style number: 11-271.

24 16. A comparison of the Subject Design and the Infringing Garment is set forth
25 below; it is apparent that the elements, composition, arrangement, layout, and
26 appearance of the designs are substantially similar.

Subject Design



Infringing Garment

DETAIL



GARMENT



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FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(For Copyright Infringement – Against All Defendants, and Each)

17. Plaintiff repeats, realleges, and incorporates herein by reference as though fully set forth, the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

18. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, had access to the Subject Design, including, without limitation, through (a) access to Plaintiff's showroom and/or design library; (b) access to illegally distributed copies of the Subject Design by third-party vendors and/or DOE Defendants, including without limitation international and/or overseas converters and printing mills; (c) access to Plaintiff's strike-offs and samples, and (d) garments manufactured and sold to the public bearing fabric lawfully printed with the Subject Design by Plaintiff for its customers.

19. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that one or more of the Defendants manufactures garments and/or is a garment vendor. Plaintiff is further informed and believes and thereon alleges that said Defendant(s) has an ongoing business relationship with Defendant retailers, and each of them, and supplied garments to said retailers, which garments infringed the Subject Design in that said garments were composed of fabric which featured unauthorized print design(s) that were identical or substantially similar to the Subject Design, or were an illegal derivation or modification thereof.

20. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, infringed Plaintiff's copyrights by creating, making, and/or developing directly infringing and/or derivative works from the Subject Design and by producing, distributing and/or selling garments which infringe the Subject Design through a nationwide network of retail stores, catalogues, and through on-line websites.

1 21. Due to Defendants' acts of infringement, Plaintiff has suffered substantial
2 damages to its business in an amount to be established at trial.

3 22. Due to Defendants' acts of infringement, Plaintiff has suffered general and
4 special damages in an amount to be established at trial.

5 23. Due to Defendants' acts of copyright infringement as alleged herein,
6 Defendants, and each of them, have obtained direct and indirect profits they would
7 not otherwise have realized but for their infringement of the Subject Design. As
8 such, Plaintiff is entitled to disgorgement of Defendant's profits directly and
9 indirectly attributable to Defendant's infringement of the Subject Design in an
10 amount to be established at trial.

11 24. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and
12 each of them, have committed acts of copyright infringement, as alleged above,
13 which were willful, intentional and malicious, which further subjects Defendants,
14 and each of them, to liability for statutory damages under Section 504(c)(2) of the
15 Copyright Act in the sum of up to one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00)
16 per infringement. Within the time permitted by law, Plaintiff will make its election
17 between actual damages and statutory damages.

18 **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

19 (For Vicarious and/or Contributory Copyright Infringement - Against All
20 Defendants)

21 25. Plaintiff repeats, realleges, and incorporates herein by reference as though
22 fully set forth, the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this
23 Complaint.

24 26. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants
25 knowingly induced, participated in, aided and abetted in and profited from the illegal
26 reproduction and/or subsequent sales of garments featuring the Subject Design as
27 alleged herein.

- a. That Defendants, their agents and employees be enjoined from infringing Plaintiff's copyrights in any manner, specifically those for the Subject Design;
- b. That Plaintiff be awarded all profits of Defendants plus all losses of Plaintiff, plus any other monetary advantage gained by the Defendants through their infringement, the exact sum to be proven at the time of trial, or, if elected before final judgment, statutory damages as available under the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.;
- c. That a trust be imposed over the revenues derived by Defendants, and each of them, through the sales or distribution of the product at issue;
- d. That Plaintiff be awarded its attorneys' fees as available under the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.;
- e. That Defendants, and each of them, account to Plaintiff for their profits and any damages sustained by Plaintiff arising from the foregoing acts of infringement;
- f. That Plaintiff be awarded pre-judgment interest as allowed by law;
- g. That Plaintiff be awarded the costs of this action; and
- h. That Plaintiff be awarded such further legal and equitable relief as the Court deems proper.

Plaintiff demands a jury trial on all issues so triable pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 38 and the 7th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 5, 2015

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